

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

program acquiring means for selectively acquiring a television program from a program source;

means for storing said acquired television program in a storage device of said information processing apparatus;

means for selectively viewing said acquired television program;

control information acquiring means for acquiring from a program information providing apparatus control information for controlling preset recording of a program; identification information acquiring means for acquiring identification information for identifying a recording apparatus by which said program is recorded; code information acquiring means for acquiring, on the basis of said identification information acquired by said identification information acquiring means, code information for controlling said recording apparatus, said code information correspondingly employed with said control information acquired by said control information acquiring means, said code information acquiring means comprising:

determination means for determining whether code information corresponding to said identification information is recorded in a memory of said information processing apparatus; and

accession means for accessing, if said determination means determines that said code information is not recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download said code information; and

code transmitting means for transmitting said code information acquired by said code information acquiring means to said recording apparatus.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said code information instructs said recording apparatus to execute one of operations for starting and ending a recording session.

Claim 3 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmitting means transmits said code information which instructs said recording apparatus to execute a preset recording operation.

Claim 4 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said identification information acquiring means acquires a maker name and a model name of said recording apparatus as said identification information.

Claim 5 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said code information acquiring means acquires said code information through a network.

Claim 6 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control information includes broadcast channel information, broadcast date, broadcast start time, and broadcast end time of said program.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising:
selectively acquiring a television program from a program source;
storing said acquired television program in a storage device of an information processing apparatus;
selectively viewing said acquired television program;

acquiring from a program information providing apparatus control information for controlling preset recording of a program;

acquiring identification information for identifying a recording apparatus by which said program is recorded;

acquiring, on the basis of said identification information acquired in said identification information acquiring, code information for controlling said recording apparatus, said code information correspondingly employed with said control information acquired during said control information acquiring, said code information acquiring comprising:

determining whether code information corresponding to said identification information is recorded in a memory of an information processing apparatus; and
accessing, if said determining determines that said code information is not recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download said code information; and transmitting said code information acquired during said code information acquiring to said recording apparatus.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium, including computer program instructions which cause a computer to implement a method of information processing, comprising:

selectively acquiring a television program from a program source;
storing said acquired television program in a storage device of an information processing apparatus;

selectively viewing said acquired television program;
acquiring from a program information providing apparatus control information for controlling preset recording of a program;

acquiring identification information for identifying a recording apparatus by which said program is recorded;

acquiring, on the basis of said identification information acquired in said identification information acquiring, code information for controlling said recording apparatus, said code information correspondingly employed with said control information acquired during said control information acquiring, said code information acquiring comprising:

determining whether code information corresponding to said identification information is recorded in a memory of an information processing apparatus; and accessing, if said determining determines that said code information is not recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download said code information; and transmitting said code information acquired during said code information acquiring to said recording apparatus.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

image processing means for generating predetermined image and/or audio data on the basis of an input signal and for outputting the data to said memory.